

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN EMERGENCY SESSION ON JUNE 18, 2021, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, PRESIDENT, DAVID L. PAINTER, VICE PRESIDENT AND, BONNIE J. BATCHLER, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER SHORTLY AFTER 1:30 P.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.**

**LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE JUNE 18, 2021 EMERGENCY SESSION WAS VIDEO RECORDED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME. IN ADDITION, THE REGULAR SESSION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING THROUGH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE AT <https://www.youtube.com/user/clermontcounty/playlists>**

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER CORCORN EXPLAINED THE EMERGENCY MEETING WAS CALLED FOR THE BOARD TO HAVE A DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION AS IT RELATES TO GOVERNOR DEWINE'S APPOINTMENT AND RECOMMENDATION OF JUNETEENTH, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> AS A STATE HOLIDAY.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Painter stated that the Governor's action comes after the President of the United States declared Juneteenth a National Holiday. This action puts government bodies in a dilemma since this holiday falls on a Saturday. Commissioner Painter explained that Ohio Revised Code requires the County to observe Holidays on the Friday before if they fall on a Saturday which would have been today. Commissioner Painter shared that he was on a phone call with the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) and many other counties throughout Ohio to discuss the options for honoring this day. Commissioner Painter added that options were discussed such as sending employees home today at noon or make a plan to observe it at a later date and amend the policies to plan for this Holiday next year.

Commissioner Batchler shared that she likes the idea of a floating Holiday for employees since the declaration of Juneteenth didn't come through until last night and caused a timing issue. Commissioner Batchler discussed the option of adding an extra day to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday this year and then observe Juneteenth on June 19<sup>th</sup> next year.

Commissioner Painter asked for input from the Prosecutor's Office.

Brian Shrive, Assistant Prosecutor, stated that he understands the issue the Board is facing today with the late night decision by the Governor, but explained that the Commissioner's have the authority under Ohio Revised Code 325.19 (f) to make changes. Mr. Shrive explained that elected bodies make their own determination in the County and have the option of a floating holiday, which is an extra vacation day employees have to use by the end of the year, the option of setting a specific date, or giving an extra day off for Fourth of July as Commissioner Batchler suggested.

Commissioner Corcoran explained that if the Board would like to grant a floating holiday to employees, it would be to acknowledge and honor Juneteenth and not just be giving employees another day off.

Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, clarified with the Board that they are suggesting a floating Holiday to be used by employees by the end of the year.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER CORCORAN REQUESTED A BRIEF RECESS AT 1:38 PM UNTIL 2:00 PM.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** THE BOARD RETURNED FROM RECESS AT 2:01 PM AND RESUMED THE EMERGENCY SESSION.

**IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...AWARD OF A FLOATING HOLIDAY TO OBSERVE JUNETEENTH FOR 2021...21-06-18-003**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to approve a floating holiday in observance of Juneteenth 2021, such floating holiday is required to be used by the employee on or before December 31, 2021, in accordance with Section 4.10 of the Clermont County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**IN RE: ADJOURNMENT...APPROVED**

Moved by Commissioner Batchler, seconded by Commissioner Painter,

That the Board of County Commissioners adjourned this Emergency Session at 2:02 P.M. until the next regularly scheduled session to be held at a later date.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

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**CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, PRESIDENT**

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**DAVID L. PAINTER, VICE PRESIDENT**

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**BONNIE J. BATCHLER, MEMBER**

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**HOLLY CRUEY, CLERK OF THE BOARD**

06/23/2021  
**DATE APPROVED**